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Infantrymen of Sea Have Had Task of Chasing Bandits in Tropical Heat During Part of Past Few Years.

From the mountains and densely wooded areas of the island of Haiti, the backbone of that organization of sturdy and rugged men who made world history in France, the little countries, the republic of Haiti and the Dominican republic, have never had sufficient military forces of their own to suppress roving bands of bandits which, in the past, have obtained from the United States, which established a military government in each country.

During the past few years marines have driven the bandits from the major portion of the island, but numerous bands still remain in the deep woods of eastern provinces. Here the bandits are well protected. Only the sugar cane plantations and a few small plantations called "sabanias" break the forest out-ridges, and the steeply sloping, sharp ridges of the interior are as thickly wooded as the table lands below.

Bandits Await Troops.
Through the forests run numerous winding trails, so narrow in places that mounted troops can not ride two abreast. Detachments of troops have often been ambushed from the undergrowth along these trails, but thanks to the bandits' lack of skill with firearms, casualties have been few. Only the noise of the bandits making away in the underbrush offers a target for the troops.

Recently, as an experiment, an aviation force was sent to this district to operate with the other marines. The work it has accomplished in a few months is worthy of mention from a scientific as well as a military viewpoint.

The first aviation squadron, D. marine aviation force, comprising nine officers and 131 men, under command of Capt. W. E. Frazier, disembarked at San Pedro de Macoris on Feb. 25, 1935.

This organization proceeded nine miles inland to Consuelo, where a camp site was established and work on a flying field began. One month later the U. S. S. Lake Superior arrived out- side the harbor of Macoris with 175 tons of aviation supplies, including six planes, a steel hangar, gasoline, oil and lumber.

From the ship to the Consuelo Sugar company docks on the Magu river is a distance of 10 miles. With the aid of a large barge obtained from the sugar company, five trips were made from the ship to the docks at Consuelo, and material there reloaded on flat cars and hauled over a narrow-gauge railway to the flying field.

The ship arrived at Macoris on Tuesday, March 25. On Friday morning, March 28, all material was on the flying field and that evening the first plane took the air, making a successful flight. Three days later the six planes were in commission and ready for service.

Quite recently a plane was badly damaged in landing at a point 14 miles distant by air line. Early the following morning a rescue party of 15 men arrived. The entire plane was torn down and loaded onto an ox cart, the only available means of transportation. It was hauled in this manner over a rough trail for four miles to the end of a narrow-gauge railway. By rail it was hauled to the docks of a sugar company, loaded on a barge, towed for a distance of eight miles down one river and up another to the Consuelo docks, and again hauled by railway to the flying field, arriving there at 10 o'clock the same evening. The following afternoon the plane was again ready for service.

These two instances of mechanical efficiency are hard to equal, and it is needless to say that the men look with pride on their work, for which they have already been officially commended.

From a military standpoint the aviation force has been equally successful. In command of all troops in this district, though there are no enemy planes or anti-aircraft guns to harass the aviators, they find plenty of useful work to perform.

Their work is entirely in co-operation with the troops. Officers in command of foot or horse marines have been taken in airplane flights over the districts in which the cowards and allowed to observe the contour of the land, the larger trails, the most favorable places for bandit camps and the best means of reaching them.

The aviators, in their patrols, fly low over the mountains, searching for bandit camps, mapping new trails and all points of military interest.

When bandits have been located by troops in dense, inaccessible areas, the aviators fly over and drop a few bombs in the dense forest, come out of the jungles they are seized by the ever ready marines on foot.

Though the bombs used thus far have been constructed of gas pipe and loaded with black powder, they have had a decided effect on the bandits, who have been surrendering and turning in their arms in large numbers. They speak of the airplanes as "birds of evil" and the bombs as the bird's "eggs". Only by actual observation can they be convinced that men actually travel in these machines.

VIENNA CHARGES ITALY WITH BIG ART THEFTS

VIENNA, June 25. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Vienna press is making violent protests against the Italian claims for works of art, declaring that the Italians are introducing old Napoleonic methods of robbing galleries.

Prof. Paolo d'Ancona, of Milan, who is at the head of the Italian art mission, told the correspondent of the Associated Press that the whole matter had been laid before the peace conference for decision and that the Italians so far have only placed the works of art under sequestration, so that they may be protected in case of Bolshevik attacks, but that the fate of the Budapest gallery containing such priceless works as Raphael's "Maddonna".

Prof. d'Ancona stated that the Italian claims fall under three heads: First, indemnities for art works, valued at 10,000,000 destroyed by the Austrians in Italy during the war, including the air raids at Venice, Ancona, Padua, Ravenna and other points; second, works which have been stolen from Italy in the past; third, works which logically belong to territory now occupied by Italy or about to become her property, including Pola, Lissa island and Fiume.

There are also provisional claims for Italy's share which belong to her historically in case the museums of Vienna and Budapest should be divided among the nations of the former empire, the Czechs having already submitted a similar claim.

Prof. d'Ancona said that among the works of art restitution of which is demanded by Italy are 13 paintings, of which only one is not Italian, the exception being the larger of two portraits of Rembrandt. These 13 works have been valued at about \$5,000,000. Other notable works claimed are Raphael's "Maddonna del Prato", "Jupiter and Io" by Correggio; five other Correggios of the 20 that are in the Austrian imperial museum; Titian's "Maddonna Della Ciesega"; Botticelli's "San Giustina"; and two Tintoretto's, one being "Susanna and the Elders".

Among second-class works alleged to have been stolen from Italy and included in the Hof museum collection is the famous Florentine diamond which the famous Florentine diamond which the Italians claim as part of the treasures of Tuscany carried off by Princess Anna Maria, of Medici, contrary to agreement when nearly two centuries ago she renounced the Tuscan throne in order to become empress of Austria. There is also a collection of Venetian arms and manuscripts and Italian war trophies which the Italians claim have been stolen at various times but which Austria has always refused to restore.

Regarding the 126 paintings which the Italians look in February, it is stated that the Austrians have admitted the justice of Italy's claims to them as these works were alleged to have been stolen by Austria after the downfall of Napoleon.

MARINES MAY DRIVE COSTA RICAN GENERAL FROM NICARAGUA LINE

General Tinoco.



The United States will send marines if necessary to protect Nicaragua against the invasion which is said to be threatened by the Costa Rican forces of President Tinoco.

The state department is just finishing an investigation of the reports that Tinoco's brother has massed a considerable army near the Nicaraguan frontier and if offered the protection that is required.

It was said by a responsible official today that the United States would not permit Nicaragua to be disturbed, and attention was called to the fact that the navy already had warships in Nicaraguan and Costa Rican ports ready to take immediate action.

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NEW YORK, June 25.—Announcement was made recently by the Roosevelt Memorial association that on July 4 the Black Hills pioneers would honor the memory of the dead ex-president by naming for him the highest peak in the Black Hills. Timed to take place during Home-coming week for Deadwood and other Black Hills communities, this ceremony will be a manifestation of the affection which all the residents of that section of the country felt for Col. Roosevelt.

On that day, Capt. Seth Bullock wrote to the Roosevelt Memorial association, "Throughout the entire Northwest the people will carry in their minds a thought of what the colored was and what he represented in the life of this country."

The peak, which is to be known as Mount Theodore Roosevelt, is now known as Sheep Mountain or Round Top. It is a detached eminence with an elevation of 6,000 feet, three miles from Deadwood, 15 miles from Wyoming and 35 miles from the Montana state line. It is on the Black Hills forest reserve and will be the center of a bird and game refuge also dedicated to the memory of the ex-president.



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NORTHERN RUSSIA IS AGAINST BOLSHIEVIKI

LONDON, June 25. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Bolshevik government of Russia is reported to be beset by grave internal troubles, especially in North Russia. Definite evidence of disaffection among workers in that district has been exhibited recently by hostile demonstrations against the soviet authorities by strikes and sabotage.

The Bolshevik financial position is rapidly growing worse. Reports submitted by Krestinski, commissary for finance, for the second half of 1935 show a deficit, owing to the fact that the "single tax on the possessing classes," which was estimated to yield 10,000,000,000 rubles, yielded only 450,000,000, as the townspeople of the "possessing class" were financially exhausted and the peasants offered armed resistance to forced payment.

A large wing of the Mensheviks, or moderate party, has refused to adhere to the Bolsheviks and adopted the following program:

Opposition to Bolshevik rule, which is declared to have brought chaos and the destruction of national life in Russia.

Revival of capitalism on democratic lines as being the only means of restoring Russian industry and commerce with the outside world.

The convening of a constituent assembly, to be elected by general franchise.

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